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LB 392, 742
LR 120-124

CLERK: Mr. President or Madam President, excuse me. Senator Bohlke has amendments to be printed to LB 742; study resolutions, LR 120 by Senator Dierks, LR 121, LR 122 by Senator Dierks as well; LR 123 by Senator Schmitt; LR 124 by Senator Jones, all study resolutions. All will be referred to the Executive Board for their review. (See pages 2130-33 of the Legislative Journal.)

Madam President, LB 392, on Select File, discussed yesterday. I have a priority motion. Senator Robinson and others would move to bracket the bill until May 17, 1995.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Chair recognizes Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam Speaker, members of the body, I have spoken with several individuals, talked to over 30 people and I get the consensus that LB 392 has too much spending in it. And I visited with Senator Wehrbein about this and wanted to make sure that he was aware of the discussion that we had with several people. What we'd like to do is bracket the bill and have the Appropriations Committee take a look and come back with a...with some cuts. I think the main reason this is happening is because of the lid bill that we passed the other day on subdivisions. We talked about 4 percent cuts to the counties and the cities. I think it was even lower than that. Anyway, we think...we believe that the cuts should be close to those figures. And I understand the position of the Appropriations Committee, but I think with the action that we took the other day on the lid bill, I think it's our responsibility to make sure the budget is in shape on Final Reading. You know it and I know it that if it won't be the Governor will have a feast with his red ink. And I think it's our responsibility to take care of that. And those are the only words I have. I have great respect for the people on the Appropriations Committee, the people I've talked to, and we've been up front with Senator Wehrbein, and he's visited with the Appropriations Committee. Hopefully, if this motion would pass that they would take a good look at the budget. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Fisher would like to announce the following guests are visiting the Legislature, Daniel Luciano is here from Grand Island, Emma Zubia, also from Grand Island, Sandra Stockwell from North Platte, Ruby Washington from Grand Island, who is the State and National Mother of the Year and Nebraska Outstanding Woman of